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Homicide Suspect Arrested in Woodinville *Former Redmond resident killed wife, fled to Washington*

After just a week on the run, Sidney Charles RANDALL III was arrested, without incident, by the Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force (PNWFAT) in Woodinville. RANDALL, 43 years of age, was being sought by the New Mexico State Police for the murder of his wife, 45 year-old Susanne Backus – a longtime Washington state resident.

RANDALL is the suspect in the homicide - which occurred in Taos, New Mexico between June 6 and June 9 of this year. The body of the female victim was discovered just off U.S. Highway 64 near Taos, Colfax County, New Mexico. Evidence discovered at the scene led police to identify RANDALL as the suspect and a warrant was issued for Murder in the First Degree.

The New Mexico State Police requested the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service in Albuquerque, New Mexico in locating the whereabouts of RANDALL. Their investigation led them to Western Washington, and they requested the assistance of the PNWFAT. With significant assistance from the Woodinville Police Department, and after just 24 hours on the case, task force investigators located RANDALL.

RANDALL had previously been arrested on March 30, 2005, by the Kenmore Police Department for Domestic Violence Assault involving his wife and was released. There was an active Protection Order in place.

The PNWFAT is a U.S. Marshals-sponsored partnership comprised of investigators from the King County Sheriffs Office, Seattle Police Department, Washington State Department of Corrections, Washington State Patrol and the U.S. Marshals Service. The Task Force is supported by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative and was formed to concentrate apprehension efforts to remove federal, state and local fugitives from the streets. The Task Force objective is to disrupt illegal gun and drug traffickers in the Pacific Northwest and to reduce the amount of violence in the region.

For additional information on other major case fugitives, go to the U.S. Marshals Service's website at www.usmarshals.gov. For additional information on the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative, go to the PSN website at www.psn.gov.

For information on the apprehension, call U.S. Marshal Eric E. Robertson at 206-370-8601, for information on the criminal case, call New Mexico State Police Lt. Jimmy Glascock at 505-827-3349.